

## FREDERICK A. TALMADGE.

THE FIRST RECORDER EVER ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE.

The Astor Place Riots—Forrest and Macready—Recorder Talmadge Reading the Riot Act—The Order to Fire upon the Mob—Isaiah Rykers, Mike Walsh, and their Satellites—John Doe.

The Hon. Frederick A. Talmadge, one of our most prominent, esteemed, and honored citizens, departed this life yesterday morning in Litchfield, Conn., in the old family homestead, where he was born in 1759. Around Mr. Talmadge's name are clustered many pleasant remembrances and a few bitter recollections. Mr. Talmadge had been almost inseparably connected with the social and political history of New York more than half a century. He was educated in Yale College, and graduated from that institution with distinction. He came to New York City in 1810, and was admitted to the bar in 1812. During the war with Great Britain, in 1812, he was captain of a company of militia for the defense of the city, and stationed on Long Island. After the cessation of hostilities he resumed the practice of his profession.

He was elected Assistant Alderman in 1834, and two years later Alderman from the Eighth Ward. In 1838 he was appointed Recorder by Governor Bristow. Mr. Talmadge was a man of high character, and was elected to that office by an overwhelming majority, and was the first Recorder ever elected by the people. During his term of office, one of those terrible events occurred which at long intervals agitate large communities—the Astor place riot.

In the month of May, 1840, while Mr. Macready, the tragedian, was performing in the Astor place Opera House, a gang of ruffians in the audience began to yell and howl, and to throw unmercenary eggs, old chairs, and other missiles upon the stage, and thus forced Mr. Macready to retire.

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## HOW THE JURY WAITED.

A Nice Little Feed—Yesterday's Deliberations in the Court of General Sessions.

Among the throng of ruffians and thieves in the Court of General Sessions the spectators noticed a number of portly politicians, with their faces red as beet and the very picture of so many vulgar gin-pals. These loafers—some consider them savages of the Court, and they probably are—had gathered to rescue some of their comrades from State Prison.

The heroic Judge, true to his instincts, entered at twelve minutes after the hour, very nervous and ill-humored. He did not forget, however, to read carefully, amiably, and sympathetically to the gentlemen to whom he owed his judgeship. After his Honor had indulged in a little chat with his friend Bob, three or four important cases were disposed of with truly astonishing ease and deliberation. It may not be out of place to mention that those showy painted calendars which have been so conspicuously displayed all month on the bulletin board of the Court of General Sessions, and which were so formidable in their appearance as to frighten the jurymen out of their wits, have kept growing smaller and smaller every day, until yesterday's calendar only measured half a yard in length. It contained the list of the city and county cases, and the list of the cases to be tried on the 19th.

A little incident occurred a day or two ago which was very interesting. A jury retired to deliberate upon their verdict in a robbery case, and on their return, some time later, they found no Judge in the court room. "Where is he?" they asked, after waiting for some time. It seems that the capricious little Judge and his hungry, and perhaps thirsty, had retired to the room of the City and County, and had been talking over the latter's chance for reelection. The jury, however, did not wait for the Judge to return, and they found no Judge in the court room. The jury, however, did not wait for the Judge to return, and they found no Judge in the court room.

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## LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE SUN'S REPORTERS.

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## THE EAST SIDE DAZZLE.

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## THE OLD WORLD'S NEWS.

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## BREAKING HUDSON COUNTY JAIL.

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## TRAGEDY IN NEW JERSEY.

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